

RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: FINAL DESIGNATION OF REDEVELOPER
APPROVAL OF FINAL WORKING DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS
AND PROPOSED DISPOSITION OF PARCEL 60
IN THE SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA
PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56

WHEREAS, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority"), has entered into a contract for loan and capital grant with the Federal Government under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, which contract provides for financial assistance in the hereinafter identified Project; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-56, (hereinafter referred to as the "Project Area"), has been duly reviewed and approved in full compliance with local, State and Federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal projects with Federal financial assistance under said Title I, including those prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion or national origin; and

WHEREAS, Peoples Baptist Church has expressed an interest in and/or have submitted a satisfactory proposal for the development of Disposition Parcel 60 in the South End Urban Renewal Area; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of Chapter 30, Sections 61 through 62H of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That Peoples Baptist Church be and hereby is finally designated as Redeveloper(s) of Parcel 60 in the South End Urban Renewal Area.
2. That it is hereby determined that Peoples Baptist Church possess the qualifications and financial resources necessary to acquire and develop the land in accordance with the Urban Renewal Plan for the Project Area.
3. That disposal of said Parcel by negotiation is the appropriate method of making the land available for redevelopment.
4. That the Final Working Drawings and Specifications submitted by Peoples Baptist Church for the development of Parcel 60 conform in all respects to the Urban Renewal Plan for the Project Area, and that said Final Working Drawings and Specifications be and hereby are approved.

5. That it is hereby found and determined that the proposed development will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.

6. That the Director is hereby authorized for and in behalf of the Boston Redevelopment Authority to execute and deliver a Land Disposition Agreement and Deed conveying Parcel 60 to Peoples Baptist Church, said documents to be in the Authority's usual form.

7. That the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of the proposed disposal transaction in accordance with Section 105(E) of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, including information with respect to the "Redeveloper's Statement for Public Disclosure" (Federal Form H-6004).



Parcel 60/822-840 Tremont Street

EVERETT SCHOOL

NORTH HAMPTON PLACE

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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOSTON
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02110

October 25, 1982

Rev. Dr. Wesley A. Roberts
Mr. James Davis
Peoples Baptist Church
134 Camden Street
Boston, MA 02118

Re: Mortgage Loan
830 Tremont Street
Boston, MA

Gentlemen:

This letter will serve as our commitment to grant a first mortgage construction-permanent loan in the maximum amount of \$70,000 to the Peoples Baptist Church, Inc. (the "borrowers") for the purpose of renovating a two-story, brick, retail building located at the above address. The mortgage note will be written for a term of five years and three months and carry an interest rate floating at 2% above the base rate of this Bank with any rate change to be effective simultaneously with any change in said base rate. Base rate shall mean the rate of interest announced from time to time by The First National Bank of Boston at its head office as its base rate. In addition to interest, a commitment fee of 1/2% of the face amount of the note, namely \$350 will be due at loan closing.

Full or partial prepayment may be made on the loan at any time without penalty. Also, the borrowers shall be required to present documents evidencing the tax exempt status of the property acceptable to this Bank at the time of loan closing.

The borrowers will purchase the building and renovate the majority of the space using their equity monies. In turn, the Bank will advance the loan proceeds to complete the subject. The type of renovations are to follow the estimates submitted to this Bank at a later date and approved by us. During the first three months, interest only will be payable monthly on those sums advanced.

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Upon expiration of the three-month period, we will commence receiving constant monthly principal payments of \$388.89, together with the above calculated interest and 1/12 of the annual estimated real estate taxes. On this basis, the loan will be completely amortized within 15 years.

As mentioned above, proceeds of the loan will be used to cover the renovations as approved by the Bank. If at any time during the three months the Bank determines, at its sole discretion, that it will cost in excess of the remaining commitment to complete the renovations, then the borrower will be required to invest additional equity funds to cover the difference. All advances made shall be based upon paid invoices presented to this Bank for work completed and the honoring of all requisitions shall be subject to the Bank's inspection and approval of work done.

Our primary security for the loan will consist of a first mortgage lien on 3,726 square feet of land and the retail building containing 7,000 square feet located at 830 Tremont Street, Boston, MA. As additional security, we are to receive the following:

- 1) A security agreement covering all furniture, fixtures and equipment.
- 2) A conditional assignment of all rents, issues and profits derived from all occupancy leases related to the subject property.
- 3) A mortgagee policy of title insurance in the amount of \$70,000 and issued in such form and containing such terms, conditions and exceptions as shall be acceptable to this Bank's attorney.

Evidence must be furnished to the Bank that flood insurance is not required for this property under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. In the event flood insurance is required, the Bank will require flood insurance coverage written by a company satisfactory to the Bank in an amount and form acceptable to the Bank's attorney.

Under the terms of this commitment, you are liable to pay on demand all costs which are incurred by the Bank in connection

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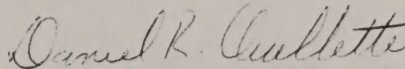
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with your loan. These costs include but are not limited to legal fees and the cost of a survey which is required by the Bank. You will continue to be liable for these costs whether or not the closing of this loan is ever held.

If the foregoing terms and conditions are in accordance with your understanding, kindly indicate receipt and acceptance by signing and returning the enclosed copy of this letter within 10 days from the date of same, or the Bank may, at its option, cancel this commitment. Upon receipt of said acceptance we will be pleased to notify our attorney, Fred Ross, Esq., Rittenberg & Ross, 126 State Street, Boston, MA to proceed with the necessary documentation. This commitment carries an expiration date of November 30, 1982 in the event this loan is not closed on or before that date.

This commitment is intended to set forth the basic financial terms of the proposed loan, and does not purport to cover in full detail all of the documentation which may be required in connection with the loan. It is understood and agreed that at the time of loan closing there should be executed and delivered to the Bank various legal documents and instruments as required by the Bank or our legal counsel. Such documentation is subject to the approval of our counsel and this proposed transaction is subject to the customary title examinations which are required by the Bank.

Very truly yours



Daniel R. Ouellette
Real Estate Division

Enclosure

cc: Jim Coughlin
Assistant Vice President



Construction Management Systems, Inc.

1045-1055 Tremont and 27-29 Cunard Streets
Boston, Massachusetts 02120

*dedicated to the advancement of the construction industry
with special emphasis to the underprivileged*

OFFICE TELEPHONE: 445-8200-1-2 427-9258

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October 25 1982

Peoples Baptist Church
Camden Street
Boston Ma.

This estimate is based on the plans submitted to Construction Management systems Inc. Professional Builders formally Archibald Builders will be with Constructional Management Systems Inc. in the construction of this project.

The architects Design Partnership of Haverhill Massachusetts have been informed.

To renovate this structure as detailed in the presented drawing of 830 Tremont Street Boston Ma.

Our Price is Two Hundred Twenty Thousand (220,000.00) Dollars

Respectfully

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

by Henry W. Archibald
Henry w. Archibald



People's Baptist Church Renovations

134 Camden Street Roxbury, Massachusetts

Design Partnership Architects Inc.
Three Washington Square Room 203 Haverhill, Massachusetts 617-372-9400

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October 7, 1982

People's Baptist Church
134 Camden Street
Roxbury, MA 02119

Gentlemen:

Design Partnership Architects are pleased to present you the following schematic design package for the renovations of the adjacent abandoned building to your church and the adjoining alley.

We hope the ideas presented herein along with the integration of your program requirements give you a functional and exciting space within which you are able to expand your services to your community.

Our office looks forward to seeing the project through to completion and we make ourselves available to answer any questions you or members of your building committee may have.

Very truly yours,

DESIGN PARTNERSHIP ARCHITECTS, INC.

Angelo Petrozzelli, AIA
President

AP/dr

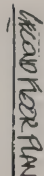
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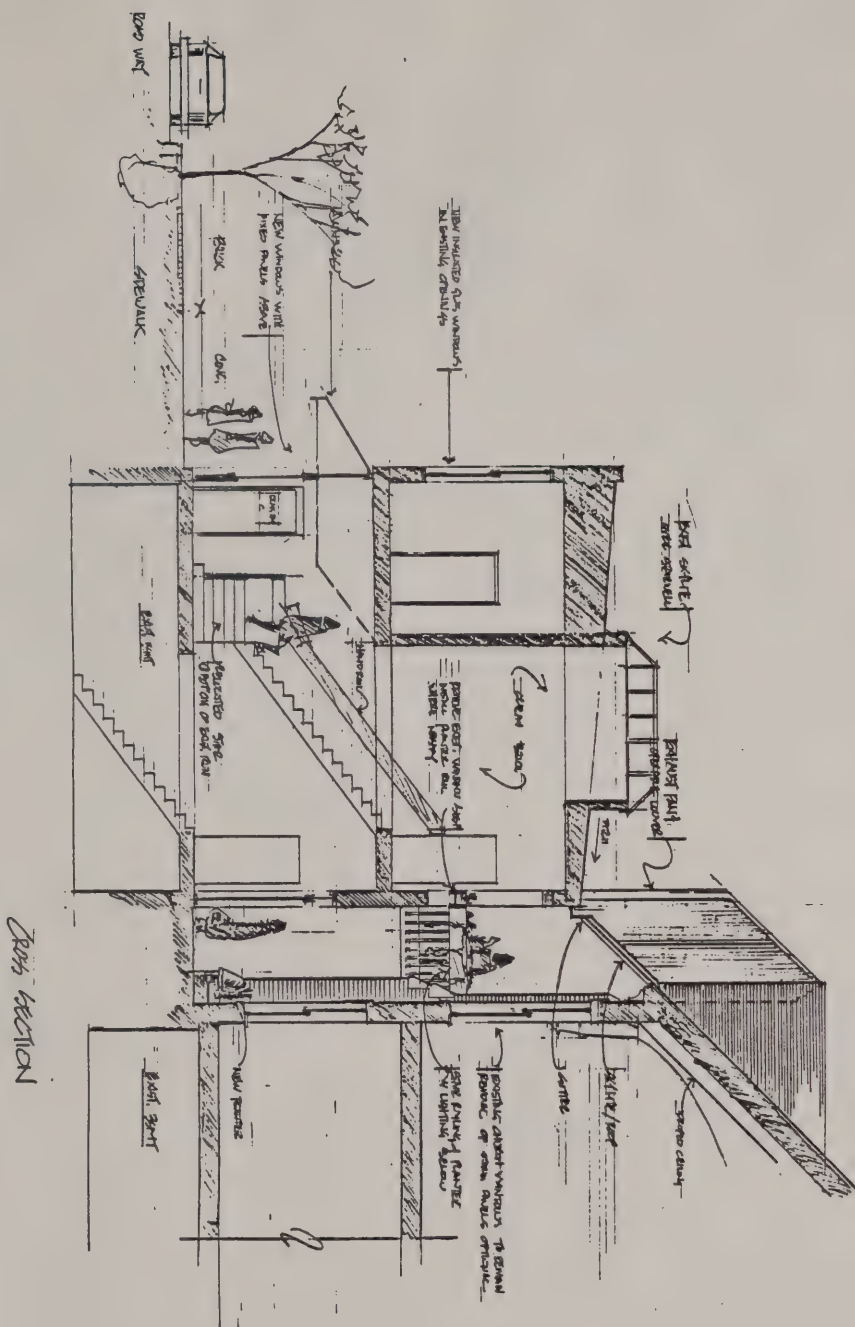


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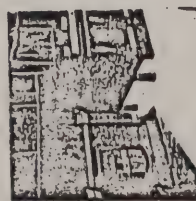
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134 Camden Street
Roxbury, Massachusetts

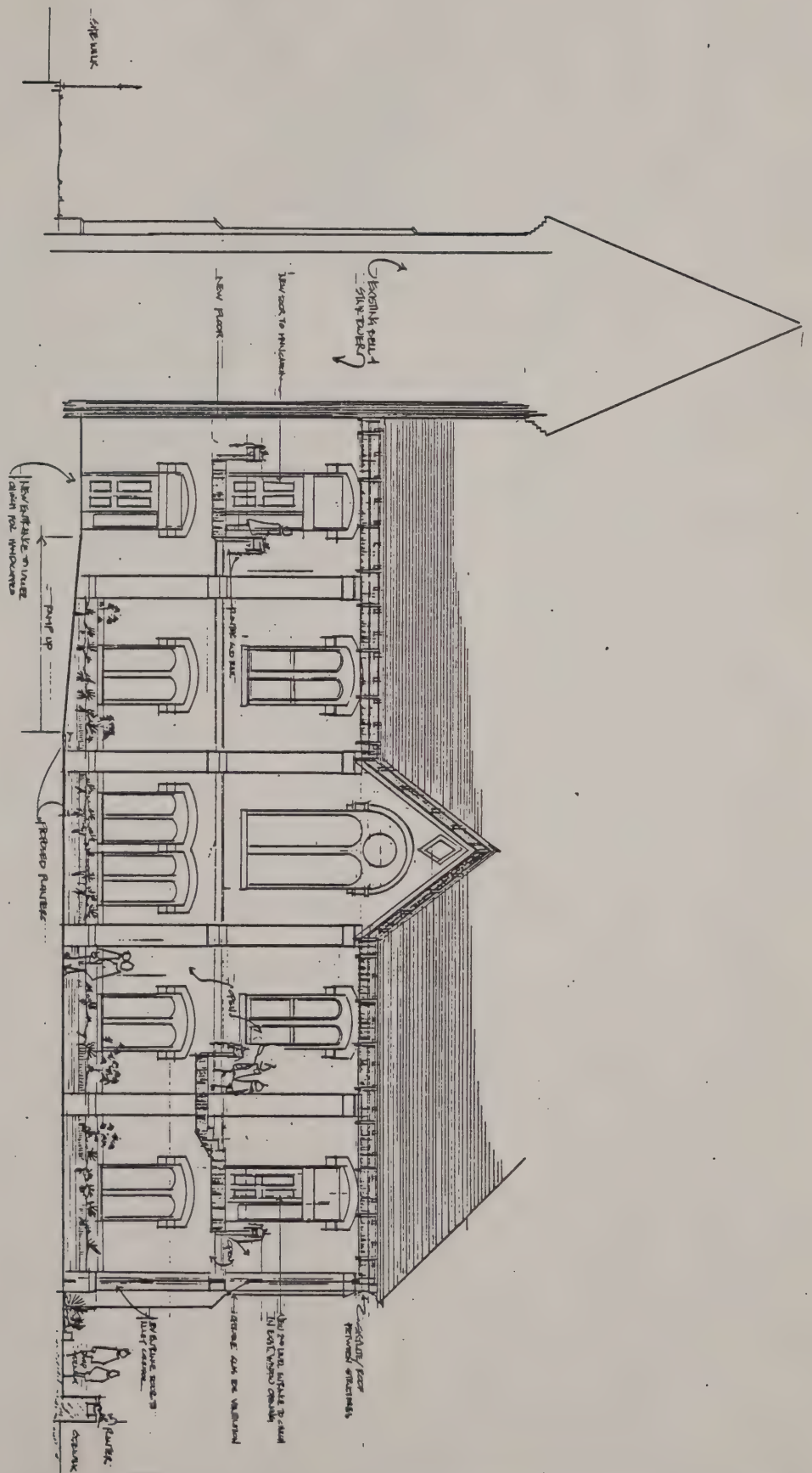
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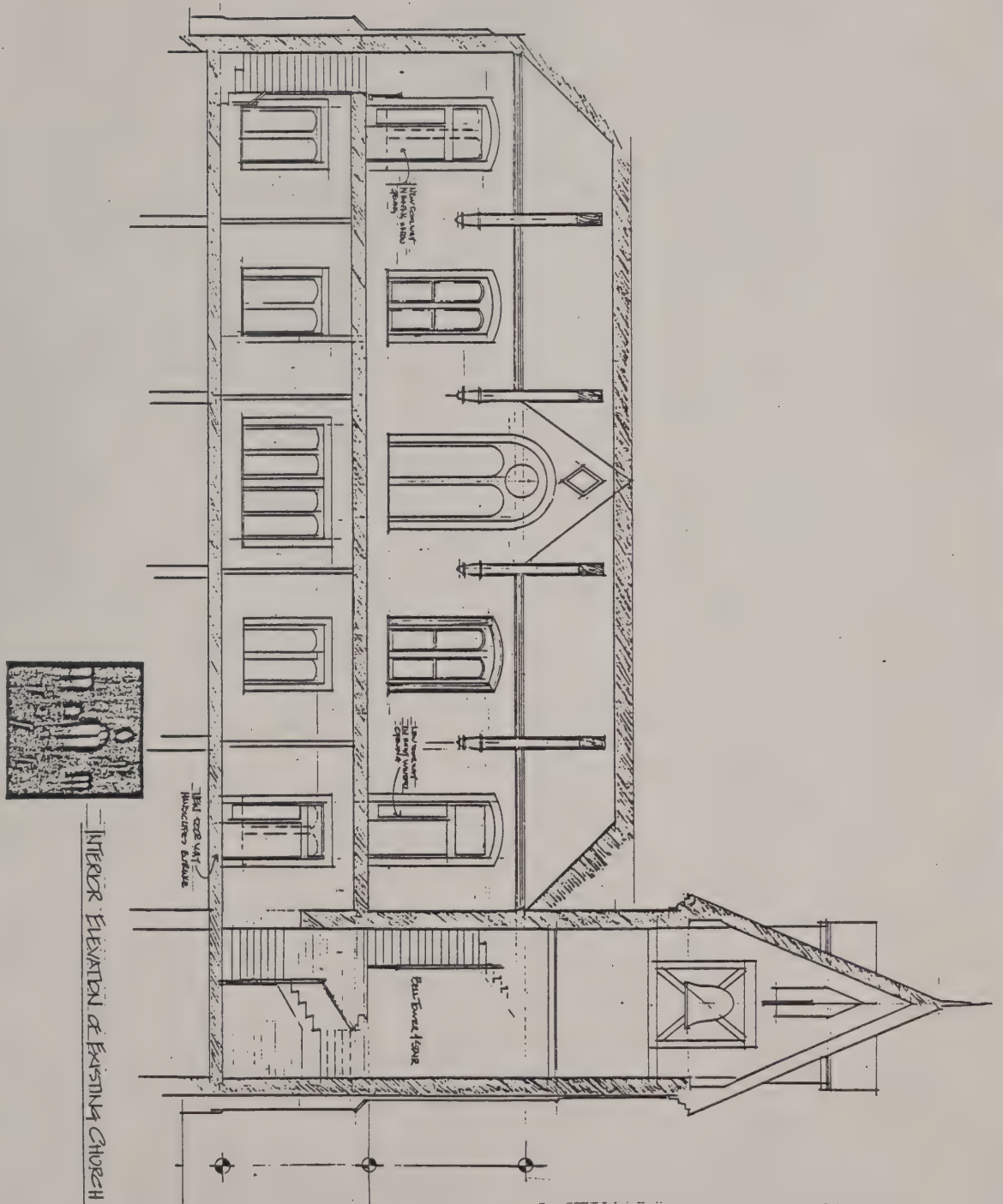


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PEOPLES BAPTIST CHURCH RENOVATIONS
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HISTORY OF PEOPLES BAPTIST CHURCH

At the beginning of the 19th century, the black population of Boston numbered nearly eleven hundred. It was one of the largest black communities in the north, located near the wharves in the "North End" of the city, opposite Charlestown. This site, referred to as "New Guinea", was most advantageous, as far as business and industry were concerned, but was also very crowded and run-down. Community leaders, in their search for a new location, chose the farm land on the north side of Beacon Hill, known as the West End," a place to build a strong settlement. The African Society, a religious and social organization, dating back to 1797, began preparations to build church and meeting house, which would draw the black population to this area.

Prior to 1805, records of the white churches in the city indicate that black Bostonians worshipped with the white population in the various churches then in existence. The history of the First Baptist Church, (White) tells of many baptisms, such as that of Catherine Morris, in 1785, and of Pompey Stockbridge in 1789. Quoting from the Church record we find that on November 1, 1772, "After divine Service, Hannah Dunmore and Cloe, a Negro woman belonging to Mr. George Green of Boston, were received into the church." The records also have many other notices of Baptisms and Marriages among Negro people. However, Black worshippers were expected to sit in the less desirable and least conspicuous seats, such as the special slave gallery at Old North Church. This practice led them to hold special house meetings, and to attempt to find suitable places of worship. For a time services were held in Faneuil Hall, Master Vinal's School on Common Street, was another place, and it was there that the seeds of organization were sown. In this building, twenty persons gathered to organize the First African Baptist Church on August 8, 1805.

This small group of people erected a three-story building in a court (May Way) off from Belknap Street, (now Joy Street). Construction of the building was carried out by skilled black craftsmen, and much of the material used was salvaged from the Old West Church which was being rebuilt at that time, some unused materials were used from Old North Church and Charles Street Meeting House. Committees composed of white and Negro people raised the funds for the building, which was Boston's first structure built by free Negroes, for their own use. Cato Gardiner, a freed slave who had been baptized by Dr. Stillman, and worshipped at First Baptist Church, helped to raise a great part of the funds, and a marble tablet was placed in the building in his honor.

The building was ready for dedication on Wednesday, December 6, 1806, and Dr. Stillman preached the dedication sermon. This was Massachusetts' first Negro Church, and it proved to be a real influence in Boston's Negro Community. It was the only sizeable meeting place in Boston, controlled by Negroes, and it became a center not only for religious worship, but for other community activities. It served as the first school for African-American children, and Abolitionist group meetings were held there. May Way was later renamed Smith Court, after Abiel Smith, who left an endowment for the operation of the school, after his death. The Smith School replaced the Meeting House School in 1834, and was in operation until 1855.

The Rev. Thomas Paul, born in Exeter, New Hampshire on September 3, 1773, was the first pastor of the First African Baptist Church. He experienced faith in Jesus Christ at an early age, and was baptized in 1789 by the Rev. Locke of the First Baptist Church of Boston, but was not ordained until 1804, and was formally installed as the pastor of the First African Baptist Church on December 4, 1806 where he served his congregation for about twenty-five years. While serving in Boston, he travelled to other parts of the country, and was well received by the congregations he visited. In 1808, he was invited to visit New York, to aid the Negro members of the First Baptist Church (White) of New York City, who wished to start a church of their own. He organized the congregation now known as the Abyssinian Baptist Church and served it from June until September of that year, after which time Josiah Bishop and others took charge of the new church. Thomas Paul also helped the members to arrange purchase of the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Wednesday July 5, 1809, under the name of "Abyssinian Baptist Church." Later in his illustrious

career, Rev. Paul was received by President Boyer of Haiti. In 1823 he had presented to the Baptist Missionary Society of Massachusetts a plan for improving the moral and religious conditions of the Haitians, and had been sent there as a missionary, for six months. However, his lack of fluency with the French language prevented him from reaching a large number of people. After his return to Boston, he resigned his pastorate in 1829, having served for a quarter of a century, and he passed away in 1831.

For the next few years, several ministers served short terms at the First African Baptist Church. The Rev. W. Christian served for a year, following the resignation of Rev. Paul, and in 1832, The Rev. T. Ritchie was engaged for a brief time. Mr. Gouch served for two years, followed by the Rev. J. Given and Mr. Archer. In November, 1838, the Rev. G.H. Black was called and ordained to the pastorate. It was under his pastorate that there occurred a separation in the church. Some one-hundred-twenty members withdrew, and formed themselves into the Second African Baptist Church, and they eventually became the Twelfth Baptist Church. The church was recognized as such on November 24, 1848, with the Rev. Leonard Grimes as pastor.

In the meantime, the African Baptist Church continued to grow and flourish. After the Rev. Black left, Rev. J.T. Raymond became the pastor. He was followed, in 1847, by the Rev. W.B. Serrington, who served two years. The Rev. W. Thompson was called in 1851 and served until 1853. The Rev. T. Henson was called in 1855 and resigned in 1858. Rev. Sella Martin served for the next two years, followed by Rev. H. White, who stayed for three years. The Rev. A. Ellis was installed in 1868, and left to found the Day Star Church (Morning Star) in 1876. After him, came the two short pastorates of the Rev. Matthews and Rev. Davis. The Rev. Peter Smith was then called to the pastorate.

In 1892, one hundred-twenty members withdrew from the 12th Baptist Church during the pastorate of the Rev. HH. Haris, and constituted the Calvary Baptist Church, with Rev. William H. Scott as the first pastor.

In 1898, the First African Baptist Church, which during its lifetime had also been known as the Joy Street Baptist Church, and the First Independent Baptist Church, and which had been the meeting place for famous Abolitionists and the terminus of the Underground Railroad, moved to a larger building. According to the files of the Boston Globe, the name of the church had again been changed, and was known as St. Paul's Baptist Church, prior to the move from Smith Court. During those years, from 1896 to approximately 1903, the church was plagued by dissention among the members and officials. The Rev. Peter Smith became ill, and asked the Rev. Thomas Stanford to assume charge of the church. Rev. Stanford did not meet the approval of the congregation and was replaced by Rev. B.A. Franklin. He apparently accomplished a great deal in a short time, before he fell out of favor with certain members of the congregation, and subsequently terminated his service. The move to the present edifice on the corners of Tremont and Camden Street was made in 1898, under the pastorate of the Rev. Benjamin Farris.

The building at the corners of Tremont and Camden Streets, was formerly the New South Church, (White) by purchase of the building, St. Paul's Baptist Church became the owner of one of the Paul Revere bells, probably the first of the large bells cast by the hero of the Revolution. The bell weighs several tons, and bears the following inscription: "All the Living to the Church, and to the Grave I Summon." Revere-Boston, 1796.

Following Rev. Farris, St. Paul's Baptist Church was pastored by Dr. Simon P.W. Drew, who came from New York to take charge of the church. He made his home at 112 Camden St. He was instrumental in raising a great deal of the money to pay the interest on the church debt. During his pastorate, he and the Deacons of the church engaged in frequent altercation. This stemmed from the apparent mismanagement of funds. In Dr. Drew's statement to the Boston Globe, June 9, 1902, he explained that the church society held no deed to the property for which \$23,000 had already been paid to the former owner, "a man named King, through the City Mission." Rev. Drew suggested that no further payments be made until the Deacons make a satisfactory explanation of the church's financial standing. There followed a year of turmoil and conflict between Rev. Drew and the Church Officials. He had full support of the rest of the congregation, who promised to follow him if he resigned and started a new church, which he finally was forced to do. They felt that he was a good preacher, had increased the numbers of the church, and had brought money into the organization. He had the "Southern Revival manner of preaching" which aroused his congregation to great heights, which displeased the deacons.

The dissident deacons and trustees were voted out of office, according to the Boston Globe, June 27, 1902, and new ones were elected. The Boston Baptist Missionary Society finally took a hand in the matter, and closed the church, and services were held elsewhere for two weeks. The Rev. Drew did, indeed, start his own church, in a very small building on Lenox Street, using the name "St. Paul's". He apparently left the Camden Street building in the hands of the Baptist Mission Society for a time, and no records of this time period have been located. We do know, however, that the name St. Paul's Baptist Church was somehow returned to, or retained by the church on Camden Street, until 1915.

On the first Sunday in March 1915, the congregation of Calvary Baptist Church, led by the pastor Rev. Aaron W. Puller, and the congregation of Morningstar Baptist Church (Day Star) led by Rev. Kirk, marched in a body up to St. Paul's Baptist Church, and the three churches merged and Peoples Baptist Church came into being. It was incorporated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the 30th of March, 1915. Rev. Puller led the congregation for three years, to be followed by the Rev. David Simpson Klugh, in 1918. Rev. Klugh came to Boston from New Haven, Conn. and began an illustrious career at Peoples Baptist Church, where he remained until his death.

Rev. Klugh inherited a great debt of thirteen thousand dollars, with the mortgage to be foreclosed, momentarily. Within three months, he had led the church to raise the necessary funds, and the back taxes, and the mortgage was paid. Mr. Tarrant P. King, who held the mortgage, accepted the funds, after a spectacular "Trench Rally" which rendered the church free of debt.

In the fall of the same year, a parsonage was purchased, and paid for, in full. Not only were all mortgages and outstanding debts soon paid off, but many persons joined the church during Rev. Klugh's pastorate, and a large amount of money was raised for several purposes. Rev. Klugh was instrumental in having black students accepted at Andover Newton Theological Seminary, and he won for the church many loyal friends among the white population of Boston. During the depression in 1929, scores of persons were fed in the vestry of the church.

Fifteen years of strenuous work took its toll on Rev. Klugh, and he became ill, and on December 21, 1934, he passed away. During this illness, the pulpit was in charge of a young student, spoken of as "My Son Timothy", by Rev. Klugh. This young man, Richard M. Owens, was a native of Virginia, and a student at Andover Newton Theological Seminary, who, having served under the tutelage of Rev. Klugh, was called as supply pastor, and later elected as pastor. Rev. Owens graduated with honors from Andover Newton, in 1937, and began to carry on the program of the church, in the tradition of Rev. Klugh.

During the summer of 1937, Rev. Owens was married to Miss Viola Mabel Coleman of Roanoke, Virginia. She, and their two daughters, Pearl and Jean, are active in various aspects of the church program.

Under the pastorate of Richard Owens, many improvements have been made in the church building. The Ladies' Parlor and the Men's Room have been renovated, a steam heating plant has been installed, and new stained glass windows have been purchased. The Upper auditorium has been redecorated, new pews have been purchased, tile and carpeting placed on the floor; new pulpit chairs, organ and piano have been purchased and a lovely cross has recently been added to the pulpit. On the lower level, a modern kitchen has been installed, and tile has been placed on the floor of the rear hall, along with other renovations. In the finished basement, the nursery has been equipped, and the John A. Davis, Sr. meeting room was dedicated 1974. This room was named for a very dedicated, hardworking member of the Board of Deacons.

There are many active and productive groups within the church. The Sunday School is sixty years old. All of the clubs in the church take responsible, active parts in the total function of the organization. In the past few years, a Singles Club and a Couples Club have been organized. The Music Department is known through New England, and the various groups are in constant demand. The Men's Chorus and the Ladies' Chorus have produced a phonograph record, for sale to the public. Many of the fine features in the church, such as the lovely flowers each Sunday, the china in the kitchen, the chimes, floor coverings, and the cross in the pulpit, have been provided through the efforts of these clubs.

Peoples Baptist Church has been concerned not only with its spiritual and material development, but with its relationship to the community. The church is known across the country and is recognized as a leader among the Baptist Churches. Many young students, seeking spiritual guidance, come to Peoples Baptist Church, and are given a start in their religious pursuits. Over the years, the number of "Sons of the Church" has grown, and will continue to do so. Young ministers have been sent from the church to many parts of the country.

The church has been well represented, throughout its long career, in all aspects of civic and community life. Thomas Paul was active in the Abolitionis Movement, and well known in the city, making the First African Baptist Church, also, well known. Through the years, other ministers and various members of the congregation have represented the church in many capacities. They have been delegates to conventions, speakers at social and civic gatherings, and members of many boards and committees. Richard Owens, in continuing that tradition, was the first black man to be elected President of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention, after having served as Vice-President. He was the first President of the newly-named American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts. He is a Trustee of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, of which he is a former Alumni Association President, Trustee of the New England Baptist Hospital, and a member of many other groups.

The church holds a life membership in the NAACP, and in 1960, presented \$1,000 to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

One of the major accomplishments of the church is the 135-unit housing project, Camfield Gardens. It is a part of the Boston Redevelopment Authority's urban renewal plan, but was sponsored and built by the church, the first such undertaking by a Baptist Church in this state. It was dedicated in Marych, 1971. Plans are underway to build a multi-purpose building next to the church.

Young people are the life-blood of any organization, and it is ~~streat~~ Peoples Baptist Church. There are several young peoples' groups in action at the church. A Daily Vacation Bible School has been in operation for many years, and for the past several years, the church has sent many youngsters to various camps in the area. The Scholarship Fund has aided our young men and women going to colleges and universities all over the country.

Stoney has been the road we trod, from Smith Court in 1805, to Camden and Tremont Streets in 1975. Peoples Baptist Church has come a long way and has much to be proud of, but we have not forgotten our roots, and we return home from time to time. In 1965, on the occasion of the 160th anniversary, a large group of people gathered for a march to Smith Court, where services were held. During th summer of 1974, and the summer of 1975, Peoples Baptist Church has held out door services in Smith Court. \$500 was presented to the Museum of Afro-American History, the organization which now owns and is renovating the building. It is one of the attractions on the Black Freedom Trail, and this little church, built by black labor, for black people to use as a church and meeting house, was recently designated a National Historical Landmark by the National Park Service of the United States.

This is our heritage

Pearl M. Owens
October 1975

People's Baptist Church

134 CAMDEN STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02118
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1 Enon Road, Wenham, Massachusetts 01984
Telephone: (617) 468-3240

Rev. Richard M. Owens
Minister Emeritus

September 16, 1982

Rev. Ms. VaCountess E. Johnson
Minister of Christian Education

Mr. James Coughlin
First National Bank of Boston
Dudley Station
Roxbury, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Coughlin:

This letter is a follow-up on our recent conversation in which I requested a letter of credit for \$75,000 relative to the purchase and renovation of 830 Tremont Street by Peoples Baptist Church.

The letter of credit or a construction loan guarantee is needed by us in order to assure the Boston Redevelopment Authority that we are able to undertake the renovation successfully. With the weekly progress of our fundraising campaign, I am fairly confident that it will not be necessary for us to utilize the full amount which we have requested.

Peoples Baptist Church has been at its present location since 1915 under the leadership of three distinguished pastors who have faithfully sought to serve the community. I am the fourth pastor and, in addition to carrying on that tradition, I intend to make the church an even more integral part of the community in terms of the variety of services we can offer. The main limitation at present is that we do not have the space necessary to accommodate the programs I envision.

It is for this reason that the Church, on my recommendation, decided to proceed with its building program. The building has approximately 7,000 square feet of usable space. The top floor will house all the administrative offices and a large multi-purposed meeting room capable of accommodating at least 150 people. The lower floor will consist of a number of meeting rooms which will be used primarily for Sunday School classes and a variety of week-day programs, such as, Boys' Scouts, Girls' Scouts, remedial reading

and math classes, and senior citizens. The number of programs which could be undertaken to utilize the available space is almost limitless.

As an institution which also seeks to serve the community, I am sure the management of First National Bank is aware of the important role that the church has in the black urban-community. Both institutions function inter-dependently and together can improve the quality of life for a substantial number of people.

Thank you for your responsiveness thus far to our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wesley A. Roberts".

Wesley A. Roberts, Ph.D.
Pastor

WAR:hh

September 22, 1982

To: Building Committee, Peoples Baptist Church(PBC)

From: Philip Tatum, Chairman, Budget Committee(PBC)

Subject: Home Improvements, Peoples Baptist Church

The following amounts represent Home Improvement expenses(PBC) for the fiscal years 1979,1980,1981, and 1982. The fiscal year covers the period July 1st through June 30th of the given year.

Fiscal 1982

Storm Windows

\$ 6,000.00	7/81	
10,000.00	8/81	
5,000.00		
6,910.00		
<u>\$27,910.00</u>		\$27,910.00

Lavatories(Ladies/Men's)

\$ 1,500.00	5/82	
400.00	6/82	
1,200.00	6/82	
1,000.00	6/82	
<u>\$ 4,100.00</u>		\$ 4,100.00

Miscellaneous Expenses

\$ 620.00	\$ 620.00
1,782.04	\$ 1,782.04

Fiscal 1983

\$ 3,500.00	8/82	\$ 3,500.00	\$37,912.04
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Fiscal 1981

Church Chimes

\$ 1,558.46	\$ 1,558.46	\$ 1,558.46
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Fiscal 1980

\$ 4,000.00	7/79	H.T. Foote(Paint)	
1,000.00	9/79	H.T. Foote(Paint)	
1,889.94	10/79	General Electric	
1,000.00	11/79	H. Langham(Lav/Upstairs)	
177.00	12/79	Dozier(Kitchen)	
539.00	2/80	S. Carillion, Inc(Organ)	
1,587.11	3/80	Re-Jan Electric	
<u>\$10,193.05</u>		\$10,193.05	\$10,193.05

Fiscal 1979

Eastern Ceiling Co.

\$ 3,400.00	1/80	
3,400.00	1/80	
2,037.00	3/80	
3,060.00	2/80	
<u>\$11,897.00</u>		11,897.00

H.T. Foote(Painter)

\$ 700.00	3/80	
2,845.00	2/80	
1,000.00	2/80	
1,000.00	3/80	
<u>\$ 5,545.00</u>		\$ 5,545.00

General Electric

\$ 2,000.00	5/80	\$ 2,000.00
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Herman Langham(Lav/Upstairs)

\$ 1,000.00	6/80	\$ 1,000.00	\$20,442.00
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Total Home Improvement Expenses

\$70,105.55

September 22, 1982

To: Building Committee, Peoples Baptist Church(PBC)

From: Philip Tatum, Chairman, Budget Committee(PBC)

Subject: Home Improvements, Peoples Baptist Church

The following amounts represent Home Improvement expenses(PBC) for the fiscal years 1979,1980,1981, and 1982. The fiscal year covers the period July 1st through June 30th of the given year.

Fiscal 1982

Storm Windows

\$ 6,000.00	7/81	
10,000.00	8/81	
5,000.00		
6,910.00		
<u>\$27,910.00</u>		\$27,910.00

Lavatories(Ladies/Men's)

\$ 1,500.00	5/82	
400.00	6/82	
1,200.00	6/82	
1,000.00	6/82	
<u>\$ 4,100.00</u>		\$ 4,100.00

Mis-cellaneous Expenses

\$ 620.00		\$ 620.00
1,782.04		\$ 1,782.04

Fiscal 1983

\$ 3,500.00	8/82	\$ 3,500.00	\$37,912.04
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Fiscal 1981

Church Chimes

\$ 1,558.46		\$ 1,558.46	\$ 1,558.46
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Fiscal 1980.

\$ 4,000.00	7/79	H.T. Foote(Paint)	
1,000.00	9/79	H.T. Foote(Paint)	
1,889.94	10/79	General Electric	
1,000.00	11/79	H. Langham(Lav/Upstairs)	
177.00	12/79	Dozier(Kitchen)	
539.00	2/80	S. Carillion, Inc(Organ)	
1,587.11	3/80	Re-Jan Electric	
<u>\$10,193.05</u>		\$10,193.05	\$10,193.05

Fiscal 1979

Eastern Ceiling Co.

\$ 3,400.00	1/80	
3,400.00	1/80	
2,037.00	3/80	
<u>3,060.00</u>	2/80	
\$11,897.00		11,897.00

H.T. Foote(Painter)

\$ 700.00	3/80	
2,845.00	2/80	
1,000.00	2/80	
<u>1,000.00</u>	3/80	
\$ 5,545.00		\$ 5,545.00

General Electric

\$ 2,000.00	5/80	\$ 2,000.00
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Herman Langham(Lav/Upstairs)

\$ 1,000.00	6/80	\$ 1,000.00	\$20,442.00
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Total Home Improvement Expenses

\$70,105.55

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PARTIAL LIST OF FUNDS

\$ 3216.13	Boston Five
1810.00	Unity Bank
13826.47	Home Savings
969.11	Boston Five
860.02	Charlestown Savings
1812.82	First National Bank
35162.76	Eliot Savings
2000.00	Savings Bond
9100.00	Bailey Fund
22000.00	Merchants Coop Certificate
2922.89	First National Aux.
2670.29	Scudder Cash Fund
11506.48	Boston Bank of Commerce
569.04	Boston Five

TOTAL \$108,426.01

Checking Acct. First National 6,839.27

Letter of Credit-First National 75,000.00

TOTAL \$190,265.28

Pledges To date \$77000

Due from pledges 44,000.00

GRAND TOTAL \$234,265.28

OTHER

Reserve Accounts \$7,000.00

Weekly Receipts Average - \$1,600.00

Heating Oil Credit - \$2,956.69

MEMORANDUM

October 28, 1982

TO: Boston Redevelopment Authority

FROM: Robert J. Ryan, Director

SUBJECT: South End Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-56
Final Designation of Redeveloper of Re-Use Parcel 60/
822-840 Tremont Street

SUMMARY: This memorandum requests that the Authority finally designate People's Baptist Church as Redeveloper of Parcel 60 in the South End Urban Renewal Area.

People's Baptist Church of 134 Camden Street, Boston, was tentatively designated as Redeveloper of Parcel 60 in the South End Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-56, on July 18, 1974. Parcel 60 is located at 822-840 Tremont Street and consists of a two-story brick commercial structure on approximately 3,726 square feet of land.

The plans submitted by the People's Baptist Church envision the renovation of the first floor space into a meeting room and multi-purpose facilities which will serve the needs of the elderly and other residents of the community. The upper floor will provide the church with a large auditorium and office space for its officers.

Further, the renovation of the exterior of 822-840 Tremont Street will conform architecturally to the existing edifice of the abutting church structure. In addition, the schematic design package submitted has been reviewed and approved by the Authority's Urban Design Department and it also conforms to all aspects and specifications of the South End Urban Renewal Plan.

The total rehabilitation cost has been estimated at approximately \$220,000.00 and, according to the financial information provided by the Redeveloper, they have the necessary funds to successfully complete their project.

I, therefore, recommend that People's Baptist Church be finally designated as Redeveloper of Parcel 60 in the South End Urban Renewal Area and that the final working drawings be approved.

An appropriate resolution is attached.

Attachment

